

UNDERGROUND COAL MINERS ARE INJURED EVERY YEAR IN POWERED HAULAGE ACCIDENTS

Every year persons are being struck by, pinched by, or ran over by powered haulage equipment. Thirty five percent of the fatalities in 2002 have been the result of these accidents.

Everyone watches out for his or her co-workers, but let's consider a few more things. Let's go to another level.

- What about loaded materials blocking vision? What about blind spots?
- Does the condition of the roadway tend to increase visibility problems?
- Is your equipment maintained in good repair?
- Do you examine your equipment before placing it into operation?



BEST PRACTICES

- Establish a program where good equipment examinations are conducted.
- Maintain good communication between co-workers.
- When approaching mobile equipment, make sure the operator is aware of your intentions.
- Stay out of operator's blind spots.
- Stay out of pinch points.
- Make sure your hard hat has adequate reflective material.
- Maintain all signal and warning devices in good repair.
- Operate mobile equipment at speeds suitable for the condition of the roadway.

SAFETY IS A DIRECT REFLECTION OF ATTITUDE

